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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Jeffries, Minority Leader Schumer,

As we enter Blood Advocacy Week 2025, over 100 organizations are joining forces to urge action in support of our nation's blood supply. We encourage you to prioritize our nation's blood supply and take key steps to ensure that blood is always available for every patient in need. This includes taking the following steps:

1. Time is of the essence when it comes to blood transfusions following traumatic injuries. One study found up to five percent increased odds of mortality for every minute of delay in access to blood. However, without sufficient reimbursement for the cost of having blood available for patients in need, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) cannot provide life-saving transfusions. **I urge you to support report language to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to update TRICARE payment policy to remove financial barriers and allow for broader adoption of prehospital blood transfusions, supporting TRICARE's mission to improve the health of the military and their families which, in turn, helps support the security of the United States.**
2. Blood centers are the lifeblood of our nation's healthcare system, ensuring a safe and sufficient blood supply for patients in need. These vital organizations serve our health care system, supporting everything from routine surgeries to emergency trauma responses. Yet, in an increasingly digital world, blood centers face a new and formidable challenge: sophisticated cyberattacks. Recent incidents have exposed the vulnerability of these critical institutions to malicious actors, with potentially devastating consequences, including disruptions to blood collection and distribution processes, cancelation of elective surgeries, delays in non-emergency patient care due to diminished blood supplies, significant financial losses, and operational setbacks. **To address this urgent issue, I urge you to support robust funding for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and ensure blood centers are considered in efforts to ensure health care information technology infrastructure is strengthened to prevent potential attacks.**
3. Government regulations impose unnecessary and burdensome barriers on blood centers. By implementing changes to these regulations, we can enhance blood product availability for patients in need, reduce unnecessary costs and resource allocations, and support innovation in blood banking and

transfusion medicine. **To modernize America’s blood supply chain, save more lives, and improve healthcare outcomes across the nation, we ask that you urge the Administration to cut red tape and remove burdensome barriers, including streamlining licensure for new donation sites, modernizing testing requirements to match modern testing technology, maximizing the platelet donations that can be used for patient care, and increasing plasma regulation flexibility.**

We appreciate your attention to this critical matter and eagerly await your prompt reply. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Calmus (202-654-2988, dcalmus@americasblood.org), Vice President of Government Affairs at America’s Blood Centers. Together, let’s make strengthening America’s blood supply a national priority.

Sincerely,

ADRP: The Association for Blood Donor Professionals	Abbott
Alliance for Community Transfusion Services (ACTS)	American Society for Clinical Pathology
American Society of Hematology	American Trauma Society
America’s Blood Centers	Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives
Blood Assurance	Blood Bank of Alaska
Blood Bank of Delmarva	Blood Bank of Hawaii
Blood Centers of America	Bloodworks Northwest
BorderRAC	Carter BloodCare
Centerlink	Central California Blood Center
Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank	Cerus
Children's Hospital Los Angeles	Coastal Bend Blood Center
Colorado Whole Blood Coalition	Community Blood Bank
Community Blood Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania & Western New York	Community Blood Center
Community Blood Center (Appleton)	Community Blood Center of the Ozarks
ConnectLife	Connecticut Blood Center
Crescent Foundation	Delcon

Elks	FCI Brands
Fresenius Kabi	GLAAD
Georgia Health Policy Center	GoodLabs
Grifols	Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center
HOSA Future Health Professionals	Healthcare-ID
Hemanext	Houchin Community Blood Bank
Hoxworth Blood Center	Human Rights Campaign
ImpactLife	Incept Health
Inova Blood Donor Services	International Trauma Life Support
Kentucky Blood Center	LIFELINE Blood Services
La Boit Specialty Vehicles Inc.	LifeFactors
LifeFlow	LifeServe Blood Center
LifeShare Blood Center	LifeSouth Community Blood Centers
LifeStream	MEDIC Regional Blood Center
Macopharma	Memorial Blood Centers
Miller-Keystone Blood Center	Mississippi Blood Services
National Bleeding Disorders Foundation	National Blood Testing Cooperative
Nebraska Community Blood Bank	New Jersey Blood Services
New York Blood Center	North Arundel County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated
Northern California Community Blood Bank	OneBlood
Our Blood Institute	Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency International Alliance
Rhode Island Blood Center	Roche
Rock River Valley Blood Center	San Diego Blood Bank
SaveLivez	Shepard Community Blood Center

Sick Cells

South Texas Blood & Tissue

Stanford Blood Center

Terumo Blood and Cell Technologies

Thalassemia International Federation

The Blood Connection

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

UCI Health Blood Donor Center

University Hospital EMS in Newark, New Jersey

Vitalant

Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center

Sickle Cell Foundation of Minnesota

South Texas Regional Advisory Council

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Texoma Regional Blood Center

The Blood Center (New Orleans)

The Institute for Health Research & Policy at
Whitman-Walker

Trauma Survivors Network

University Blood Initiative

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